



## **Rear Admiral Thomas F. Atkin**

**Commander, Deployable Operations Group  
United States Coast Guard**



Rear Admiral Thomas F. Atkin assumed command of the newly established Deployable Operations Group on July 20, 2007.

Rear Admiral Atkin recently completed an assignment as the Deputy Principal Federal Official to the Gulf Coast. Prior to this assignment, he served as the Chief of Staff in New Orleans, LA for Admiral Thad Allen, the Principal Federal Official for Hurricane Katrina.

Before working the Hurricane Katrina disaster, Rear Admiral Atkin served as Chief, Maritime Homeland Security and Defense Policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense. In 2003, he served as the Chief of the Counterterrorism Division to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations' operational think tank, Naval Operations Group

Deep Blue.

A specialist in maritime security operations and response, Rear Admiral Atkin served in three Tactical Law Enforcement Teams (TACLETs): Commanding Officer of TACLET North in Chesapeake, VA; Commanding Officer of TACLET Gulf in New Orleans, LA; and Operations Officer in TACLET Seven in Miami, FL. Other operational assignments include Deck Watch Officer and Navigator aboard Coast Guard Cutter ALERT in Cape May, NJ; Deputy Group Commander in New Orleans, LA; and Coast Guard Liaison to Joint Task Force One Six Zero at the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. His staff assignments included Chief, Office of Law Enforcement and Intelligence for the Eighth District, New Orleans, LA; Fisheries Enforcement Officer for the Eighth Coast Guard District, New Orleans, LA; Mathematics Instructor, Assistant Football Coach, and Head Lacrosse Coach at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT.

Rear Admiral Atkin hails from Duncanville, TX. He graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematical Sciences in 1982. He holds a Master of Science in Management Science from the University of Miami.